

WEEKLY REPORT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

Week ending April 5, 2012

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Community Center

The Fountain Hills Community Chorus held their Spring Concert on Sunday and Monday, April 1-2. There were close to 400 people at the Sunday performance and 300 people at the Monday performance.

The Fountain Hills Republican Club hosted a Town Hall with Congressman Jeff Flake on Wednesday, April 4, with just over 50 people attending.

The Fountain Hills North Chapel will be holding a Seder on Friday evening, April 6, in a ballroom.

Senior Services

Staff is working on a written booking policy for senior programs and support groups to help address some of the issues concerning resident and non-resident participation, audio visual usage, storage usage, special support group classes and presentations, as well as room utilization.

Staff is developing several new ideas for special continuing education presentations for next year. Some possibilities are a series of presentations hosted by the Phoenix Art Museum and a dance series hosted by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio.

Parks

The Fountain Park waterfowl removal took place on Thursday morning, April 5. Wildlife services captured and relocated as many of the coots as they could during the roundup. Staff estimates there were approximately 100-150 birds in the park at the time of the roundup.

Staff is working on field light repairs at the Four Peaks west ball field. An electrician was called in on Wednesday, April 4, to troubleshoot the cause of the infield lights shutting off and the breaker tripping. Staff also had to call in a locator to find all the pull boxes so that the electrical problem could be found.

The annual **Eggstravaganza** was held at Golden Eagle Park on Saturday, March 31, with a fantastic turnout. Park staff prepared the facility for the large turnout and also assisted with the event setup that morning.

Fountain Park also hosted several events this past weekend. Events included ADOG'S Paws Around the Fountain Pet Adopt-A-Thon and the Persian New Year, which attracted a very large crowd. Staff was very busy with trash removal and cleanup after the events.

The Parks Division would like to recognize Carl Prop and the VFW for the generous donation of \$2,459 towards the Veterans Memorial light repair. A local vendor will start the repair work as soon as the parts are delivered, which is anticipated to be during the third week in April.



Recreation

The **Easter Sunrise Service** will be held on Easter Sunday, April 8, beginning at 6:00 a.m. at the Fountain Park Amphitheater. This is a non-denominational service coordinated by the Fountain Hills Ministerial Association.

Bryan Hughes attended the bi-monthly **Visitor's Bureau** meeting on Wednesday, April 4, at the Radisson Fort McDowell Resort.

The next **Movie in the Park** is scheduled for next Friday, April 13, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Fountain Park Amphitheater. We will be presenting *Kung Fu Panda 2*.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Planning

The developers of the proposed theatre project "*The Avenue*" are requesting that performance schedule "E" in the development agreement be amended to allow them more time to purchase the property and begin construction activities. Staff is presenting the application to the Town Council on Thursday, April 5.

Code Enforcement

So far, 16 cases have been opened in April.

Staff observed a large palo verde tree that had fallen over in a residence's yard and was partially blocking the roadway. The property owners were out trying to trim off branches to clear up the street. Code Enforcement and Street Dept personnel placed orange cones to assist in traffic control. The tree was removed the following morning.

A complaint was received regarding an electric fence in a residence yard. Town regulations prohibit such fences. After investigating, it was determined that the electric fence was only about 1-2 feet high and was placed to keep wildlife out of the rear and side yards. Regardless, due to associated safety concerns and regulations, the resident was asked to remove it and agreed to comply.

As requested by the Finance Dept, staff has been visiting several commercial property owners in Town who rent out space but do not have a business license. Any property owner or property management company that rents or leases out space in Fountain Hills must obtain a Town business license.

Building Safety

<u>Permits Issued</u>		<u>Applications Received</u>	
Remodel	1	Remodel/Addition	2
Tenant Improvement	1	Pool	1
Pool	1	Gas	1
Fence	1	Fence	1
Gas	1	Total	5
Total	5		

Environmental

In hopes of being awarded \$20,000 to supplement the Town's Wash Management Program, staff submitted a grant application to the Maricopa County Department of Emergency Management's wildfire fuels reduction program. Last year the Town applied for the same grant and was awarded \$10,000, with which we were able to clean an estimated 11 acres of wash. With the grant, we trimmed trees and removed invasive, non-native vegetation such as Desert Broom and Salt Cedar. There are no matching funds required for this grant.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Finance

FY12-13 Budget Process – The final draft of the FY12-13 proposed budget document has been distributed to the Town Council and posted on the Town’s website; there is also a link for citizens to provide comments or ask questions. The next public budget meeting for the Council to ask questions or get more information on any proposed expenditures is Tuesday, April 10, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at Town Hall; the public is encouraged to attend the meetings or provide feedback through the Town website. Staff will be making presentations to various groups/organizations during the month of April.

Licensing – 10 new business licenses were issued.

In Town:

Caring with Care – 16351 East Bainbridge Ave
Julie Loebbaka Bead Mystic – 15709 East Greystone Dr
Sweet Things Italian Ice – 15301 North Escalante Dr
Quaternion Group LLC – 15224 East Sundown Dr
Fountain Hills Pilates LLC – 15224 East Sundown Dr
RP & CY LLC – 17109 East Cascade Dr

Out of Town:

Sugar Jam Cookies – Phoenix, AZ
Tracey Kuntz DBA Herlocher Foods – Phoenix, AZ
Action Automatic Fire & Safety Services Inc DBA Fire Protection Company – Surprise, AZ
HNR Construction LLC – Scottsdale, AZ

Information Technology

Staff members from several departments met with a second vendor about the Town’s proposed telecommunications project that was recently sent out for proposals. The vendor demonstrated the proposed phone system. The proposals are being reviewed by both Town and Sanitary District staff; a final recommendation is anticipated to be made in the next week once revised pricing is received. Council consideration for the purchase of the new telecommunications equipment is scheduled for the first meeting in May.

Town Clerk

The Fountain Hills Civic and Cultural Association Council is presenting a Candidate Forum for the Town’s General Election in May. The forum will be held in the Council Chambers at Town Hall from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on April 25. The forum will be recorded for replay on Channel 11 and on the Town website. Council Candidates participating in the forum will be Dennis Brown, Nick DePorter, and Cecil Yates.